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[1. \(C\)](#) DATT and USLO Chief discussed UAE security assistance to Lebanon November 7 with International Affairs Director Yousef Al-Otaiba from the office of Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed (MbZ), who said the list of contributions provided earlier (ref B) constituted the core of the UAE's current security-related assistance. He asked for more details about USG contributions as well to facilitate further coordination.

[2. \(C\)](#) Regarding the specific systems noted ref A:

--- Al-Otaiba said the UAEG originally was asked to provide the GOL with TETRA communications systems, which the UAE does not possess and therefore cannot "transfer" from its stocks. The UAE has an individual in Lebanon whose duty it is to coordinate support based on GOL priorities; according to Al-Otaiba, the TETRA systems have not been presented by the on-site UAE coordinator as a priority. Al-Otaiba thought his government would favorably consider providing the TETRA systems but needed details, i.e., cost of the program and contractors involved, to present to MbZ; program details would expedite UAE decisions, he noted.

--- As for transportation assets, Al-Otaiba stated the UAE was sending four Cessna airplanes and four boats, in addition to the many transportation-oriented items noted ref B.

--- Regarding HMMWV donations, Al-Otaiba's tone was not favorable, questioning why the USG would press the UAEG when the U.S. had many more HMMWV's to offer. Al-Otaiba bristled and asked DATT how much equipment the USG was providing to the GOL (Al-Otaiba's informed opinion being that the U.S. was only providing a few spare parts).

--- Al-Otaiba cited UAE donations of ammunition in general terms (4 million rounds on order), without specific discussion of caliber.

[3. \(C\)](#) Post has a scheduled meeting with GHQ Logistics

officials who were involved in assembling ref B list of donations to the ISF to inquire about separate donations to the LAF, including the other systems mentioned ref A. Post will report new information as it is developed.

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